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## **Cashier Appreciation**

Hi Melanie,

Thanks for arranging the excellent sandwich. I appreciate it very much.

A couple of points for you and the corporation to consider. I was missing from the photos in the employee locker room. Trust me when I say I do not care and actually thought it was humorous. However, another employee might not have in the event they were not included.

I also declined to participate in the shirts for two reasons. One is personal. I do not support but oppose the use of slave labor and abuse as is done in many third world countries. If made in Red China then was done probably by Uighur slave labor in a concentration camp that is subject to subsequent organ harvesting. The idea of a concentration camp leads to my second objection.

The second reason was the color selected. A black shirt is what the Nazi SS wore as their uniform. My father spent his youth in Germany shooting them on sight. Standing orders by the US Third Army was that no black shirt was allowed to surrender or be taken alive. This culminated with him at the capture of Mauthausen Concentration Camp in Austria. So I guess the apple falls not far from the tree. You can then appreciate why wearing a black shirt en masse is strictly a nonstarter and I am more than a little disappointed that Home Depot is this insensitive to history.

These are the two reasons I chose to not participate. Thanks again.

Respectfully,

Charles Ford